AMENDMENT

In the specification:

Please amend the specification of the present application by deleting the paragraph on page 8 beginning at line 26 and ending at line 29 and replacing it with the following paragraph.

For a detailed discussion of the elements of the netcentric computing systems 12, refer to co-pending U.S. patent application Serial Number ———————— 09/676,227 entitled ARCHITECTURES FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING SYSTEMS, which was filed on ———————— September 29, 2000 and is hereby incorporated by reference, in its entirety.

In the claims:

Please amend claim 28 as set forth below.

1.   (Original) A distributed data storage system for a netcentric computing system, comprising:

a plurality of database servers;

a plurality of data stores each in communication with one of the database servers, wherein the database servers are operable to access the data stores;

a client communicating with the database servers, wherein each of the data stores includes a predetermined portion of the data used within the netcentric computing system; and

a webserver in communication with the client to act as the primary interface between and the client and the database servers.

2.   (Original) The distributed data storage system of claim 1, wherein the client communicates with the database servers using a web browser application.